

Preparation and Supplies

A relaxed, party attitude

Rotary cutter

Cutting mat 12 x 24 is sufficient

All your extra fabric



Acrylic Rulers

6 x 12

9.5" square or slightly larger

Any ruler you use to square up pieces as you assemble blocks.

Basic Sewing Supplies

neutral thread for piecing (the thinnest and strongest that you can afford)

or thread that works with the fabrics you choose

If your fabrics are not 100% cotton, choose thread that works with your fabrics.

pins

scissors

awl (optional)

etc. (whatever you like to use)

PREPARATION 1-2-3

The following is VERY VERY VERY STRONGLY recommended:

1 Pre-wash your fabrics or not. Your choice.

Press your fabrics and prepare them for cutting.

If you use the Hargrave method, align the grain and starch.

This will help in the quality of your piecing.

2 Decide whether you want to make 8 very small 9-patches for the centers of half of your blocks.

They are very stunning if you can do them well.

Get them all done in advance. There won't be time in class to do them.

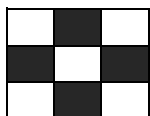
OR you can wait to see what they look like and do them after class.

3 Cut your strips and label them (A, B, C, etc.)

If you don't get this done, you'll have to do it in class.

It will just take more time.

Very Small 9-Patch Make 8



Made from 1 inch strips ('Twill test your piecing skill!!)

Starch is your friend.

Take your time.

Each square in the 9-patch will measure 1/2" x 1/2" net

The overall dimensions of the 9-patch (WITH seam allowances) is 2" x 2"

If this drives you nuts, choose to not do it.